

RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEGISLATURE OF MICHIGAN,

IN FAVOR OF

The enactment of a law authorizing the Secretary of War to detail army officers for the proper military instruction of the uniformed volunteer companies of that State.

MARCH 12, 1860.—Read, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, and ordered to be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20, OF THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, ACTS OF 1859.

Whereas, article second of the ratified amendments to the Constitution of the United States, declares “a well-regulated militia to be necessary to the security of a free State;” and whereas, division fifteen of section eight of article one, of the Constitution of the United States, “authorizes Congress to provide and prescribe the discipline of the militia;” and whereas, Captain George B. McClelland, one of the officers sent by order of the War Department to the seat of war in Europe, in 1855 and 1856, in his report communicated by the Secretary of War to the Senate of the United States, February 25, 1857, in consideration of the events therein narrated, does recommend “that the militia and volunteer system be placed upon some tangible and effective basis, that instructors be furnished them from the regular army, and that all possible means should be taken to spread sound military information among them:” Therefore,

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the State of Michigan, That our senators be instructed, and our representatives in in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to use their influence for the passage of an act by Congress, authorizing the Secretary of War to detail, annually, an officer of each corps of the United States army, for the proper military instruction (at such times and places as the governor shall request) of the uniformed volunteer companies of Michigan militia.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward a copy of this preamble and resolution to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

Approved, February 15, 1859.

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF MILITARY OFFICERS OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Resolved, That Colonel A. W. Williams, on behalf of this board, correspond with the Secretary of War, our senators and representatives in Congress, and with such other persons as he may deem expedient, relative to the improvement of the military system in this State, soliciting their aid in procuring the passage of a law by Congress to conform to the recommendations of Captain McClelland, in his report as one of the European military commission, therein recommending the placing of the voluntary system upon some tangible basis, and providing the means for practical instruction in camp and garrison duties, and that Colonel Williams report copies of all such correspondence to this board.